



LIONS IN THE SERENGETI

Reading Comprehension

Lions are powerful and social animals that live in the grassy plains of the Serengeti, located in eastern Africa. Unlike many big cats, lions live in groups called prides. A pride is made up of related females, their cubs, and one or two male lions. This social structure helps lions work together to hunt and protect each other.

Lions are carnivores, meaning they eat only meat. In the Serengeti, their diet includes animals like zebras, wildebeests, and gazelles. Lionesses, the female lions, do most of the hunting for the pride. They work together to catch prey, using teamwork to bring down large animals that would be too difficult to hunt alone.

A lion's roar can be heard up to five miles away! This roar helps lions communicate with their pride and warn other animals to stay away from their territory. Lions rest for most of the day, especially during the hot afternoon. They are active during dawn and dusk when it's cooler, which is when they hunt.

Lions play an important role in the Serengeti ecosystem. By hunting herbivores, they help control animal populations, which keeps the grasslands balanced. Without lions, there could be too many herbivores, which might lead to overgrazing and damage to the land.

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Comprehension Questions

- 1** What is a lion pride, and who is included in it?
- 2** What do lions eat in the Serengeti?
- 3** Why do lionesses work together to hunt?
- 4** Why might lions rest during the day and be more active during dawn and dusk?
- 5** How do lions help keep the Serengeti ecosystem balanced?



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Answer Key

- 1** What is a lion pride, and who is included in it?

A lion pride is a social group of lions that includes related female lions, their cubs, and one or two male lions.

- 2** What do lions eat in the Serengeti?

Lions in the Serengeti eat animals like zebras, wildebeests, and gazelles.

- 3** Why do lionesses work together to hunt?

Lionesses work together to hunt because it helps them catch large prey that would be too difficult to hunt alone.

- 4** Why might lions rest during the day and be more active during dawn and dusk?

Lions rest during the day to avoid the heat and are more active during dawn and dusk when it's cooler, which is also a better time for hunting.

- 5** How do lions help keep the Serengeti ecosystem balanced?

Lions help control the populations of herbivores, which prevents overgrazing and helps maintain the balance of the grasslands in the Serengeti ecosystem.

